

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 557

By Dickerson

A RESOLUTION to honor Jeff Cohen on the occasion of his birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Cohen will soon be celebrating a birthday and is an accomplished songwriter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen's songs have been featured on over twenty million albums and ten million video games; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Cohen wrote and produced the album *Pancho and the Kid* with his friend, Chris Barron of the Spin Doctors; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Cohen is also known by his musical persona, Pancho's Lament, and has recorded three albums under that name with a forth yet to be released; and

WHEREAS, a talented and prolific songwriter, he wrote or co-wrote many Billboard hits including, "Postcard from Paris," "Crazy for this Girl," "Holy Water," "Put it in Drive," "Beautiful Distraction," and "Giddy on Up"; and

WHEREAS, numerous talented artists have recorded Mr. Cohen's songs including, Sugarland, The Band Perry, Josh Groban, Macy Gray, Nick Lachey, Mark Broussard, Bethany Joy Lenz, the Spin Doctors, Mandy Moore, Ilse DeLange, Doc Walker, and Richie McDonald; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cohen's songs have been featured on many television programs and films, including *Dawson's Creek*, *Party of Five*, *One Tree Hill*, *Desperate Housewives*, *Ed*, *Roswell*, *Army Wives*, *Reba*, *Smallville*, *The Simpson's*, *Saturday Night Live*, *Who Wants to Marry My Dad*, *Once and Again*, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, and *Stuart Little 2*; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Cohen has performed alongside and opened for artists such as Bob Dylan, John Oates, Brad Arnold, Jon Popper, Ani DiFranco, Lamont Dozier, Hugh Prestwood, and Chris Barron; and

WHEREAS, as he celebrates his birthday, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize Jeff Cohen for his impressive achievements as a singer, songwriter, and producer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Jeff Cohen for his contributions to the music industry of Nashville as a superb artist and songwriter, wish him well on the occasion of his birthday, and extend our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.